

PSITTACUS MELANOTUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum ; mandibula superiore mobili, cera instructa.

Nares in rostri basi.

Lingua carnosae, obtusa, integra.

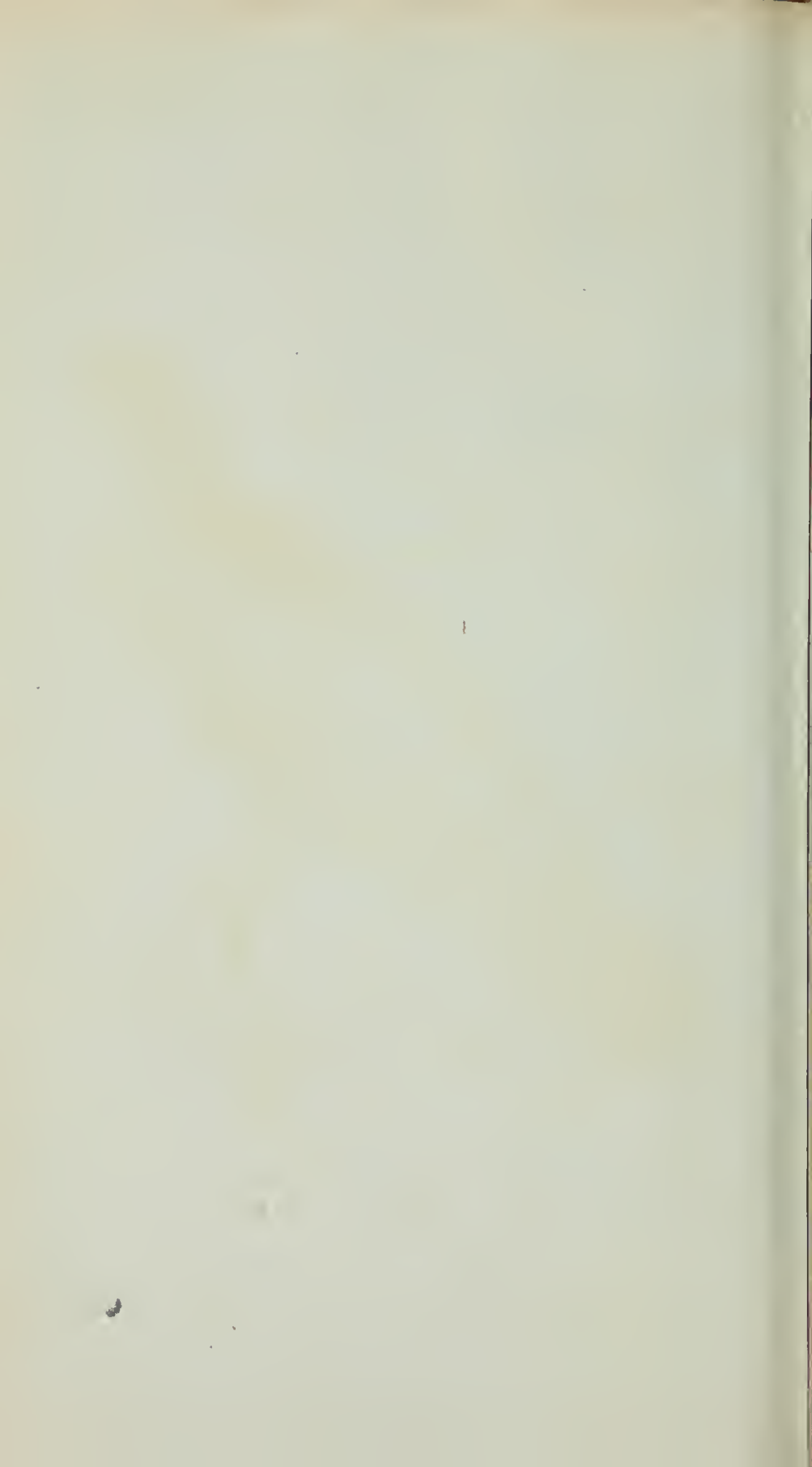
Pedes scansorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 139.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PSITTACUS macrourus viridis, dorso nigro, tectricibus sanguineis, uropygio cæruleo.

Psittacus Melanotus a nemine antea descriptus proculdubio habendus est in iis quos pulcherrimos alit Australasia. Psittaco *Pennantii* et illo qui *eximius* dicitur paulo minor colores jactat egregie vividos et elegantes.





THE
BLACK-BACKED PARRAKEET.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked: upper mandible moveable, and furnished with a cere.

Nostrils in the base of the bill.

Tongue fleshy obtuse, generally entire.

Feet scansorial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Long-tailed green PARRAKEET, with black back, scarlet wing-coverts, and blue rump.

The Parrakeet represented on the present plate is unquestionably one of the most beautiful that have yet been discovered in the regions of Australasia, and is a species hitherto undescribed. Its size is somewhat smaller than that of the Pennantian and nonpareil parrakeets, and its colours in the highest degree vivid and elegant.